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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Thompson, thank you for all the time and for all the answers. At least for me, it's made this bill much, much clearer, both in terms of what it actually does and its relationship to many other things that we try to do. I think there are aspects of this bill that could be improved. I have mixed feelings about the general philosophic approach to...that this represents, but I'm certainly willing to see what may evolve on this before Select File. And I hope the body will advance it to Select File. And, with that, I would withdraw the amendment which was offered only for the purpose of being sure there was plenty of time to discuss the issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, is there anything else on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There are no lights on, Senator Thompson. Did you wish to close on the bill? There are no further lights...the motion...

SENATOR THOMPSON: I would just urge your support of the bill. I think it's a way to address a problem that occurs for people in the state who are moderate and low-income people, working people, people who want to work. They shouldn't be put in a position where they can't get some kind of assistance so that they can work, they can be healthy, and they can lead happier, healthy lives. This is a small way to help, but a good step in helping those folks. And certainly we'll work with Senator Beutler and Senator Vrtiska, before Select File, to see if there are ways that we can direct the funds more clearly. I'll work with the department on language that may be workable for them. And, with that, I would just urge you to move this to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 287. Senator Thompson, the question is before the body, shall LB 287 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on